



SATURDAY EVENING, OCT. 31, 1908

EVERY two or three days since the pending political campaign commenced the so-called "Taft democrats" have announced that this or that person, while persisting in saying he is "a democrat," would vote for Taft. It is said the Richmond and Baltimore will furnish a large number of such votes from their banking and commercial circles. These men are seemingly indifferent to the wants of the poor and unfortunate members of the human race in their midst, indeed those under their very nose. Mr. Bryan says he saw in New York on two occasions, at two o'clock and at four o'clock in the morning, three hundred men with newspapers wrapped around their poorly clad forms in an effort to keep warm. Of course everybody is prosperous, and the "Taft democrats" say this prosperity can only be "continued" by a republican Congress and a republican president. This we refer to more in sorrow than in anger, but for years it has been observed that Richmond, like Baltimore, associations and influences are not conducive to sound democracy and to a loyal acceptance of the choice and acts of democratic conventions. The old saying, whether axiomatic or not "that nothing is sure but death and taxes," has its force lessened by the well known fact that many do escape taxes. However, to coin a phrase, there is nothing so certain as the uncertainty of politics, unless it be a woman. While President Roosevelt still says Taft will sweep the country, some newspapermen are not so sanguine. From the press on Tuesday we reproduce this query and answer:

What is going to happen at the polls a week from today? You can get any kind of prediction you want as the campaign winds up; any kind of estimate that suits your fancy, but not one of them is worthy of credence. As a matter of fact, nobody knows. Chairman Hitchcock does not know; Chairman Mack does not know; the candidates themselves do not know. The correspondents who divide their time between the rival headquarters and who have the best available sources of information—men who are honestly endeavoring to size up the situation and have no purpose to deceive—candidly admit that they do not know what is going to happen. No one knows!

This seems to epitomize the situation—and with the election only two days off, Tuesday will decide whether we are to have this a government of democracy or a continuation of the rule of the plutocrats, and also whether by bribery and corruption the men who have amassed great wealth by reason of special legislation, shall purchase the election. "I'll face the head to hastening ill a prey, where wealth accumulates and men decay"—a truism that cannot too often be quoted.

AT THE republican meetings held in Richmond recently it is said that many of the women of that city were conspicuous. This has provoked the following just comment from former Governor Cameron in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: "Richmond society crowded the boxes at the Taft meeting last night." So a local paper reports. Mr. Taft need not feel too highly flattered. Richmond society is very much like the uniform rank of the Mutual Admiration Association, always glad of an excuse to parade its brave costumes and fine feathers. Deprived of the Horse Show this year the Four Hundred were ripe for lending eclat to any public occasion where the illumination was to be brilliant and the surroundings conventionally correct. A much smaller provocation than a presidential candidate would have sufficed. It is not primarily a question of the magnet, but of the chance to get together and (partly) to see and (mostly) to be seen.

Many of the Richmond women are like many of the Richmond men—on dress parade, but not worth a place in active service. Yes, there has always been a certain class in Richmond that cannot be relied upon. Commercialism has corrupted them and with this class principle is a lost art. It was so even during the war and General Lee knew it and knew what he had to contend with. In the dark days of the Confederacy, but long before the surrender, many of these people of Richmond urged the surrender of the city "for what they could save" and to that end, one dark night, placarded the bill boards with the celebrated "Vae Victis!" posters, hoping that a panic would follow and their selfish, unfortunate wishes be fulfilled. There are some mighty good people in Richmond, but there are others of whom the least said the better.

SECRETARY LUKE E. WRIGHT, in his speech at Richmond this week, urged the abolition of sectional political prejudice on the part of the south! Great Scott! doesn't he know that the "bloody shirt" is being waved throughout the north during this very campaign and that the "old soldiers" are being urged to "vote as they shot," and the negroes directed from Washington to vote against their white neighbors? Does Secretary Wright think the southern people are "sectional" because he is a deserter?

## From Washington.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette, Washington, Oct. 31.

Republican politicians here of course, generally coincide in the view taken by President Roosevelt regarding the John D. Rockefeller statement—that it was put out for the purpose of embarrassing the administration and the candidacy of Judge Taft. They express the belief that the president's prompt characterization of it as a "trick" will do a great deal to offset its effect in democratic votes. The democrats are jubilant. They believe that it may result in so turning the tide in what have hitherto been considered doubtful states as to ensure Bryan's election. By many, the incident is being compared to that in the campaign of 1884, when Dr. Burdick made his famous "break" in his efforts to advance the cause of James G. Blaine by characterizing him as the foe of "rum, romanism and rebellion." As in the present instance, this development came at the eleventh hour of the campaign. All the republicans could do to counteract the effect of the unfortunate utterance was unavailing, and Blaine was defeated. In the Rockefeller case, the republicans have been quick to make the charge that the head of the Standard Oil Company put out his argument for the election of Taft for the manifest purpose of winning votes for Bryan. As it is, the incident will be utilized by both parties in the closing days of the campaign.

President Roosevelt today again devoted his special attention to the announcement of John D. Rockefeller that he would support Taft on election day. Supplementing his declaration of last night that Rockefeller's attitude was a palpable trick that would deceive nobody, he to-day authorizing the following announcement:

"The President has received numerous letters and telegrams showing that this trick of Rockefeller's—done as made by agreement with the democratic party—will fail absolutely. It is self-evident on its face, as Mr. Taft has said, that if Mr. Rockefeller had really wanted him elected, he would have kept quiet about it and that he has come out for him as being the way in which he can damage him most."

The President received very few callers today, being chiefly men of the time with Secretary Loebe. This circumstance caused a revival of the report that the President contemplated issuing a personal appeal to the public on behalf of Taft for publication on Monday. An unexpected conference this afternoon between the President and Frank R. Kellogg, of St. Paul, national committee man from Minnesota, and special counsel in the government's suit for the dissolution of the Standard Oil trust, gave rise to an impression that some new wrinkle in that prosecution might be developing in view of Rockefeller's plunge into the political situation.

Orville Wright, who was severely injured in the airplane accident at Fort Myer on September 17, which resulted in the death of Lieutenant Selfridge, of the signal corps, announced today that as soon as he is able for work he will set about building a new machine for the post-war government to use. It is likely that his brother, Wilbur, who has been conducting successful tests in France, will take charge of the experiments at Fort Myer when the new airplane is completed. Orville will leave late this afternoon for his home in Dayton, Ohio.

The following fourth class postmasters have been appointed in Virginia: William S. Patton at Clinton, Albemarle county; John H. Downing at Hich, Fauquier county; Martha A. L. Henson at Owens, King George county; R. Lindsay Gray at Yontay, Hanover county.

**Von Buefow Resigns.**  
Burlin, Oct. 31.—Following a most dramatic scene in which he bitterly reproached the Kaiser for interfering in foreign affairs, Chancellor Prince Von Buefow tendered his resignation today. It was at once accepted by the Kaiser. The chancellor pointed out to the emperor that the latter's published interview in the London Telegraph, claiming credit for the war plans adopted by Germany in crushing the Boers, had reflected discredit upon the chancellor's office and had put him in a ridiculous position.

In reply the emperor declared that he would not allow the chancellor to control his actions, and that he, as a divine inspired monarch, intended always to do what he thought was right.

## News of the Day.

A mysterious poison plot directed against the life of Mrs. Howard Gould was a feature of the evidence at a hearing in Mrs. Gould's suit for divorce.

The jury in the case of Theodore Whitmore, charged with the murder of his wife, whose battered body was found in a swamp near Harrison, N. J., returned a verdict yesterday of not guilty.

Francis M. Heaton, a prominent land claims attorney in Washington, was run down and instantly killed by John L. Phillips' touring car, near Casey Chase Circle, yesterday afternoon.

In the Gould divorce suit in New York yesterday Elijah M. Sells, a relative of Mrs. Howard Gould, and his daughter gave testimony to show that Mrs. Gould always drank "like a lady."

James Kerr, member of the democratic national committee from Pennsylvania, died at his country home near New Rochelle, N. Y., yesterday morning, following an unsuccessful operation. The operation was for liver trouble.

Mr. Diomedes Falconio, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, received yesterday at the Panal Legation in Washington in his weekly mail from Rome, formal notification of the appointment of Vice-General Owen B. Corrigan, as auxiliary bishop of Baltimore.

After listening to a reprimand by Captain of Detectives Pamphrey, Mr. Gratton Lloyd Dalany, the young Baltimorean who had been on the door of the home of Miss Gladys Perin and started the rumor that she was dead, apologized to Mr. Nelson Perin yesterday at detective headquarters and promised never to do it again. He was allowed to go.

Going to his room in Smith & McNeill's Hotel, in Greenwich street, New York, a man, registered as "J. M. Smith, Nutley, N. J.," who is believed to be a member of the Consolidated Exchange, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself through the heart. He left a note, which read: "Don't rummage through these books or papers, but turn them over to Mrs. J. M. Smith, Nutley, N. J."

Mrs. William Astor, who for 30 years has been regarded as the social leader of New York, died last night of heart disease at her home in Fifth avenue. Mrs. Astor was 82 years old. Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Astor continued to hold her social domination up to a year ago, when falling health compelled her to retire into comparative seclusion. Mrs. Astor's maiden name was Caroline Webster Schermerhorn.

**MR. ROCKEFELLER'S VOTE.**  
The following official statement was issued from the White House last night: "At the White house the announcement of Mr. Rockefeller, through the press agent of the Standard Oil Company, was regarded with some amusement, in view of what the administration has done to the Standard Oil Company and of the bitter hatred borne by the Standard Oil Company to the administration. It is a perfectly palatable and obvious trick on the part of the Standard Oil people to try to damage Taft—a trick so palpable that it can deceive no one."

**Standard Oil and Taft.**  
New York, Oct. 31.—"I have had positive proof for ten days that negotiations were going on between the Taft managers and the Standard Oil people," said Democratic National Chairman Mack today. "The bargain now made includes the leniency of Taft in the twenty-nine dollar fine and in return the Standard Oil Company promises a million dollars contribution to the campaign fund of the republican party."

## Today's Telegraphic News

**Mr. Bryan's Appeal.**  
Winchester, Ind., Oct. 31.—William J. Bryan, the democratic candidate, in winding up his tour of the east today, made public the following:

AN APPEAL TO THE PUBLIC.  
As the campaign draws to a close, certain issues stand out clearly. The democratic party stands, to inaugurate an era of honesty in politics by completing the publication of campaign contributions before the election. It seeks to bring the government nearer to the people by securing the election of United States senators by direct vote. It seeks to restore competition through legislation which will make a private monopoly impossible. It seeks to reconcile labor and capital by legislation which will bring the employer and employee together in friendly co-operation, and to this end, it proposes the creation of a department of labor with a secretary in the cabinet; an amendment to the anti-trust law which will exclude the labor organization from the operation of that law; that limitation of the writ of injunction so that it will not be issued in a labor dispute unless conditions are such as would justify an injunction, even if there were no labor dispute, and trial by jury in cases of indirect contempt. It seeks to secure legislation which will create a guaranty fund sufficient to insure all depositors a strict loss. It seeks to secure a reduction of the tariff by gradual steps until the tariff laws will no longer be made in the interest of the few and at the expense of the rest of the people.

The democratic party in other words, seeks to secure honesty in government through honest politics and popular government through direct elections. It desires to secure peace in industry, competition in trade, security to depositors and justice to tax payers.

The democratic party, appeals to the awakened conscience of the nation and the sense of justice in the human heart and to the growing desire for brotherhood.

With a democratic victory for the national ticket, with a democratic Congress and with the moral force of a popular verdict, I believe we can compel the senate to yield to the expressed will of the people and permit the passage of more general reforms.

The democratic platform offers the only prospects of remedial legislation and while it does not go as far as some reformers would like to go, a democratic victory will secure as much of reforms as is now attainable—in fact, this only reform that is within reach. We have a right to expect, therefore, the co-operation of those who favor the reforms set forth in our platform.

The attempt to terrorize the American voter by the threat of a panic will not succeed. We have had three panics in 48 years, the panic of 1873, the panic of 1893 and the panic of 1907. Each one of these panics came under a high tariff and two of them came under republican presidents. Mr. Taft says that a panic will come if I am elected. Let him give bond that this panic will go if he is elected. When he says that a democratic victory will bring a panic, he expresses an opinion.

When I say that a disastrous panic came last fall without waiting for a democratic victory, I state a fact that cannot be disputed. Our platform presents a plan for the restoration of prosperity upon a permanent basis, a prosperity in which all will share. The republican party has no plan that contemplates either present relief or welfare of the people.

The republican candidate has the prestige that comes from the fact that his party is in power. He has the aid of an army of officeholders; he has the support of all the monopolies and law defying trusts; he has a large campaign fund, the source of which his committee refuses to disclose, and most of the leading newspapers are allied with him and the interest which he represents. I insist that it is not fair for the president to use his office, an office that belongs to all the people as it were a party asset or a personal asset and enter actively into the campaign. It offends the sense of justice and ought to arouse a protest from those who believe that in the selection of the chief executive, the people should be absolutely free to choose whom they please.

WM. J. BRYAN.

## Mutiny.

Constantinople, via Pera, Oct. 31.—The most striking proof yet found of the intensity of the feeling against the sultan leaked out today in the news that one of the Turkish regiments which was recently ordered to march to the Bulgarian frontier mutinied at the order.

Other troops were called out and opened fire on the mutineers. A small sized battle raged for several minutes, during which 12 soldiers were killed and nearly a score injured. Evidence is daily accumulating that a reactionary movement of great extent confronts the young Turks and that a decisive blow will have to be struck soon unless the plotters against the new regime win the struggle. So far the sultan has stood firm against the suggestion that he abdicate the throne, but the young Turks are pressing him hard every day.

There is against the life of the sultan are heard everywhere, and it is believed that the consideration for his personal safety will yet lead him to abdicate.

**MASONIC GRAND BODIES.**  
The following officers were elected at the one hundred and first grand annual convention of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Masons of Virginia held in Richmond on the 28th inst:

Wm. Baylor McChesney, of Staunton, grand high priest; Elmer Lyons Gay, Norfolk, grand king; Wm. S. Mathews, Big Stone Gap, grand scribe; Geo. Wilson Poe, Richmond, grand treasurer; James Braxton Blanks, Petersburg, grand secretary.

The grand high priest announced the following appointments:

Sauley Watkins Murrie, Danville, grand cap'n of host; Solomon Outchell, Richmond, grand principal scribe; J. W. C. Bryant, Jr., Clinton Forge, grand royal arch cap'n; Isaac Holcombe Adams, Jr., Lynchburg, grand master of third val; James W. S. Butt, Portsmouth, grand master of second val; John R. Charlton, Richmond, grand master of first val; James A. Pamplin, Richmond, grand tiler; Wm. J. Hubard, Lynchburg, grand lecturer; J. A. E. Alexander, Alexandria, assistant grand lecturer.

Past grand high priest jewels were presented to Past Grand High Priests W. S. Jeffries, of Calpeper; John T. Carter, of Danville, and John H. Fisher, of Alexandria.

The following officers of the Grand Commandery were elected October 29: Wm. C. Stephenson, Richmond, grand commander; Alonzo W. Taylor, R. A. Noke, deputy grand commander; Wm. B. McChesney, Staunton, grand generalissimo; E. D. Hutchins, Richmond, grand captain general; Alex M. Baker, Winchester, grand senior warden; John H. Fisher, Alexandria, grand junior warden; Geo. W. Poe, Richmond, grand treasurer; Jas. B. Blanks, Petersburg, grand recorder; John D. Ogleby, Lynchburg, grand standard bearer; Robt. T. Taylor, Roanoke, grand sword bearer; E. L. Guy, Norfolk, grand warden; Chas. A. Nesbit, Richmond, deputy recorder; Jas. A. Pamplin, Richmond, grand captain of guard; J. E. Alexander, Alexandria, chairman of committee on correspondence.

The Grand Commandery will meet next year in Danville.

## Virginia News.

The Lynn Haven Terminal Corporation has obtained a charter to build a railway to Cape Henry and operate ferries on the Chesapeake bay.

Charged with being responsible for the condition of Ethel N. Clarke, L. E. Atkins, a salesman in a Richmond clothing store, was placed under arrest yesterday. He denies all responsibility in the matter. The case of Ethel N. Clarke, who admits that she stole a check for an indorsement thereon, hoping to pay for an operation so that her fiancé, now in the South, might not discover her plight, was continued until November 11. Mrs. Jennie S. Ross, wife of a "hypnotist," charged with attempting the operation upon the girl, will also be tried November 11.

Interest in the killing of the Fair, brothers at Manassas has been revived by the rumor that "Tack" Posey, brother-in-law to dead man, and who is under indictment for their murder, is losing his mind.

Rev. Daniel B. Austin, of the Methodist Conference, dropped dead yesterday evening at his home in Courland. He was apparently well before he fell in the street. He was 62 years old and a Confederate veteran.

In 1898 a slip of ivy from General Lee's grave was planted in the grounds of the Army Club, and on Wednesday a bronze tablet was set in an adjacent rock by American residents of Army. The tablet is inscribed: "This ivy was taken from the grave of General Robert E. Lee and planted by Vice Consul Carrington in 1898."

A passenger aboard the Old Dominion steamer Hamilton, who had been confined in a stateroom because he was unruly and showed signs of insanity, succeeded in climbing through a porthole, and was drowned off Cape Charles while the steamer was on her way from New York to Norfolk yesterday. While clasped as an immigrant, the man was said to be fairly prosperous looking. He was on his way to Richmond to visit relatives. He could not speak English, and seemed to be a German. His name could not be learned.

Ethelyn Gaylord was yesterday in Richmond acquitted of the murder of Baby Vaughan, of the City Home murder mystery. Baby Vaughan was poisoned in August and the Gaylord woman, by circumstantial evidence, was indicted. The names of the father and mother of the foundling were never printed, but it is known that the woman was a New York actress and that the father was a well-known Norfolk man. The charge of murder against the woman was dismissed before the trial evidence had been taken. Mrs. Ethelyn Gaylord, with her babe in her arms, made application to Judge Witt in the Housing Court yesterday to be allowed to return to her old quarters in the city if pending the delayed arrival of her father, a North Carolinian. In the jail she and the baby slept last night.

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